Dear WEAG Parents,

It’s that time again – Kids Show time! This is my 15th year directing our WEAG Kids Choir Show, and it is by far one of my most favorite times of the year! We are so excited for the TREASURE that this year’s show will be!

This year’s show, *Treasure Island,* was created by Celeste Clydesdale, arranged by David Clydesdale, and script by Celeste Clydesdale & Susie Williams. We’ve used a few of their shows in the past and have always been very pleased with their content and originality. We will also edit and adapt the show to fit our amazingly talented group of kids and leaders by adding dance, rhythm and other creative elements to enhance the production.

***Here is a brief summary of the show:***

*“A group of kids just arrived on Treasure Island and can’t wait to discover the treasure that’s in store for them. With the guidance of Captain Fisher and a map, they start out on an adventure seeking something more valuable than gold. Though Captain Fisher was once a pirate searching for the riches of this world, he now seeks God’s kingdom as a fisher of men. Captain Fisher teaches the kids that they should always pursue godly wisdom and eternal riches. Join this musical adventure, created by Celeste Clydesdale and arranged by David T. Clydesdale, as you help your kids discover the everlasting value of storing up treasures in heaven and continually seeking God.”*

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Luke 12:34*

You will find production, rehearsal, and audition details in this document. It’s a lot of information, but it will help you understand the process and provide you with all of the dates/times/locations that you’ll need. If you have questions after you’ve read through everything, please email me and I’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

We will close registration after three weeks of rehearsal (on January 24th).

Finally, would you pray for us? Would you pray for the team of leaders who will be working with your kids over the next few months? Would you pray that God would show up and work in and through your kids? And would you begin to pray for those who will come to the show and hear the amazing message of treasure, rescue, and God’s incredible love for us? Thank you for allowing your kids to be a part of something BIG. I believe in this ministry with all of my heart, and I believe that it will have a huge impact on your kids in many ways. I know that you sacrifice your time, energy and money so that your kids can be involved and for that, I am truly grateful.

Love,

Pastor Lisa

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**2024 WEAG Kids Choir Show Audition Details**

* Kids Choir rehearsals begin on Wednesday, January 3rd from 6 – 7pm upstairs in the Preschool Kids Church room (209/215). Choir is open to all K – 6th graders.
* Specialty auditions are open to 2nd – 6th graders and will be held on Sunday, January 7th from 1pm – 3pm in room 209/215. Registration begins at 12:45pm. There will not be any make up auditions, and your child must arrive on time and be present for the entire audition to be considered for a part.
* Audition forms are below. These forms will be available on Sunday when registration begins, but you can come with your form filled out in advance and be ahead of the game! Please talk through the different groups with your child before Sunday and have your child rate each specialty group in order of preference. This helps us when selecting parts but does not guarantee that a preference will be met.
* Parents can either wait outside the Kids Church room during auditions or leave and return promptly at 3:00pm to pick up your kids. We have a leaders meeting directly after auditions, so we appreciate you being on time for pick-up - thank you!
* Dance and Rhythm will be group auditions; every child will participate. Auditions for acting and vocal parts **are optional**.
* For vocal auditions, each child will sing the first verse & chorus of “Gold”, which is song #6 on the choir CD. I will also email the song to everyone who registers online.
* For Cast auditions, kids will read excerpts from the Treasure Island script. They **do not** need to memorize anything for auditions, but they are encouraged to look over the attached excerpts and come prepared to read/act.
* Cast, Dance, and Rhythm rehearsals will be every Sunday in January & February from 1 – 3pm. There are seven Sunday rehearsals before the show. If your child receives a specialty part, it is absolutely crucial to have him/her at EVERY rehearsal. **Aside from illness or family emergency, please be certain your child can commit to this schedule BEFORE allowing him/her to audition.**
* If your child auditions and receives a solo but is not selected for another specialty group, he or she will not attend Sunday rehearsals. All choir and solo rehearsals take place during Kids Choir on Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:00pm.
* Please help us by talking with your kids in advance about auditions; there will be many kids auditioning for a limited number of parts. We do our very best to make sure that every child has a positive audition experience but that being said, we also want to make sure that all of the kids understand the reality of auditions. We know this can be a difficult process for a child to understand and accept, so we appreciate your help as we gently guide them through. Be sure to remind them that being in the choir is the biggest part of all and that everyone in the choir will be involved in the show in lots of fun and exciting ways!
* The actual show dates/times are Sunday, March 3rd and Monday, March 4th at 7pm in the sanctuary with a reception directly following both shows! There will be several evening rehearsals the week before the show (see production schedule). These rehearsals will be **required** for all kids who have a specialty part.

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**2024 WEAG Kids Choir Show Audition Material for 2nd – 6th GRADERS ONLY**

**Cast** - A group of kids who will **SING & ACT** throughout the show. Memorization is necessary and heavily relied on for this group. If your child should be given a cast role, he/she must spend time at home throughout the week working on his/her parts. (8 parts)

Character descriptions and audition excerpts are below. We will choose from these excerpts throughout the audition as needed. Your child does not need to have any script excerpts memorized, but it is helpful for your child to read through them beforehand so that he/she is comfortable and familiar with the words and characters.

**\*There are several singing parts within the cast this year.** **This show will have more of a musical feel (opposed to play) than previous years.** If your child is interested in auditioning for a cast part, he/she should come prepared to sing the first solo in the song, “I’m Storin’ Up Some Treasures” (track #3) in addition to the solo audition piece listed below.

**Dance -** A group of kids who will learn different choreographed dances to several of the show songs. Having rhythm and coordination is a definite plus for this group! No audition preparation needed.

**Rhythm -** A group of kids who will learn different drumming rhythms and use drumsticks/buckets and other rhythm instruments in several different songs. Having rhythm and coordination is a definite plus for this group!No audition preparation needed.

**Solo/Ensemble Audition Piece**

Your child should practice the part below at home **before auditions** if he/she is interested in auditioning for the solo/ensemble group.

SONG: Gold (Track #6)

*You were walkin’ on the moon,*

*And now you’re feelin’ low, oh, oh.*

*What they said wasn’t true,*

*You’re beautiful.*

*Sticks and stones break your bones,*

*I know how you’re feelin’!*

*Words like those won’t steal your glow,*

*You’re one in a million.*

*This, this is for all the girls and boys all over the world,*

*Whatever you’ve been told,*

*You’re worth more than gold.*

*So hold your head up high,*

*It’s your time to shine,*

*From the inside out it shows,*

*You’re worth more than gold.*

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**2024 WEAG Kids Choir Show Audition Form**

**\*YOU WILL TURN THIS FORM IN WHEN YOU BRING YOUR CHILD TO AUDITIONS.**

(Please Print Clearly)

Child’s Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Child’s Grade:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child attend Kids Church/Youth Group at WEAG on a regular basis?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent’s Name & PREFERRED Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Child’s role preference (Please rank your child’s preferred roles: #1 being his/her first choice, etc. This helps us when selecting parts, but it does not guarantee that a preference will be met.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Cast** (A group of kids who will sing, act and recite many lines throughout the show. Memorization is necessary and heavily relied on for this group.)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Rhythm** (A group of kids who will learn different drumming rhythms and use drumsticks/buckets and other rhythm instruments in several different songs. Having rhythm and coordination is a definite plus for this group!)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Dance** (A group of kids who will learn different choreographed dances to several of the songs. Having rhythm and coordination is a definite plus for this group!)

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**\*Vocal auditions are not a part of the above ranking.**

YES or NO (circle): My child will be auditioning for the solo/ensemble group (kids can receive a solo AND a specialty group or may receive a solo only).

\*There are no Sunday rehearsals for children who receive solo/ensemble parts only.

\*We do ask for 100% commitment to our Sunday specialty rehearsals and production week rehearsals (aside from family emergency or illness). This is why we provide you with the entire rehearsal schedule in advance. If you know that your child will have a conflict with one or more of the dates listed on the schedule, please indicate that here (this will not automatically prevent your child from receiving a part, but it will help us know/plan in advance and have follow-up conversations with you if needed):

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**2024 WEAG Kids Choir Show Rehearsal Schedule**

**Choir Rehearsals (K – 6th graders):** Wednesdays, 6 – 7pm, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21 & 28 upstairs in the Preschool Kids Church room (209/215). \*All solo/ensemble practice is during Wednesday night choir.

**Auditions (2nd – 6th graders):** Sunday, January 7th: Auditions for 2nd – 6th graders interested in a specialty part, 12:45pm – 3pm in the Preschool Kids Church room.

**Specialty Group Rehearsals (Cast, Dance & Rhythm):** Sundays, 1 – 3pm Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 (drop off and pick up upstairs in the Preschool Kids Church room).

**Blocking Rehearsal:** Thursday, February 29, 6 – 8pm, SPECIALTY GROUPS ONLY (cast, dance, rhythm & solo/ensemble). Drop off and pick up in the SANCTUARY.

**Tech Rehearsal:** Friday, March 1st, 6 – 9pm, SPECIALTY GROUPS ONLY (cast, dance, rhythm & solo/ensemble). Drop off and pick up in the SANCTUARY.

**Specialty/Full Choir Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, March 2nd, (specialty groups only from 1 – 3pm and then the **FULL CHOIR will join from 3 – 5pm** for a full run-through). Drop off and pick up in the SANCTUARY.

**Show Day #1:** Sunday, March 3rd, (We will do some presentation in the sanctuary at 10am that morning, details TBA). THEN…all kids arrive TO GYM at 6:15pm, 7pm SHOW, 8pm reception.

**Show Day #2:** Monday, March 4th, All kids arrive TO GYM at 6:15pm, 7pm SHOW, 8pm reception, tear down directly after show (parent help needed for this).

**Choir Party:** Wednesday, March 6th, 6 – 7:00pm upstairs in 209/215. We will watch the show together and celebrate with ice cream and FUN!

Treasure Island CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS (8)

CAPTAIN FISHER – (Acts/Sings) The owner of Treasure Island – a former Pirate, now a “fisher of men.” He wears a big pirate hat and coat. Kind.

POLLY – (Acts/Sings) She is Captain Fisher’s Quarter Master. She has very colorful hair. Like a

parrot, she copies everything Captain Fisher says.

STELLA – (Acts/Sings) She dresses very fashionable and she is excited about the adventure before her.

BECKY – (Acts/Sings) She is very curious. Always looking for the answer. Writes down every clue in her notebook.

HANNAH – (Acts/Sings) She is shy and very afraid of pirates. She carries her Bible with her.

TIMMY – (Acts/Sings) He dresses like a pirate, complete with compass and binoculars. Looking forward to finding a real treasure of gold. A little older than Bart.

BART – (Acts/Sings) He dresses like a pirate too and always says “arrr.” Adventurous.

LOST PIRATE – (Acts/Sings) A little boy trying to be a big guy, with an oversized hat, coat and eyepatch.

**EXCERPT #1** (Stella, Timmy, Bart, Becky, Hannah, Captain Fisher)

STELLA: We’re finally here! Oh, isn’t this exciting? Beautiful Treasure Island!

TIMMY: Hoist the mainsail and jimmy the jib! Let’s go find us some treasure, Bart!

BART: Aye, aye, Timmy. It’s going to be an arrr-some day! Maybe we’ll even see some

pirates!

BECKY: Hold on, guys. Wait a minute. Our goal today is not to find pirates. Didn’t you

read the flyer we got on the boat?

BART and TIMMY: No.

BECKY: (reading) Well, it says, “Welcome to Treasure Island!We hope you enjoy your

search for the treasure hidden here today, a treasure more valuable than gold or rubies.

Follow the map to find the treasure!”

HANNAH: (nervously) I really hope we don’t see that Lost Pirate we heard about. Pirates are

mean and scary.

BART: No, they’re not. They’re arrr-some!

BECKY: Don’t worry, Hannah. That’s only to get people on the island. It’s just make believe.

You won’t see any real pirates here.

STELLA: Uh, Becky? I’m not so sure about that…

KIDS: (gasp!)

*(CAPTAIN FISHER enters. He has on a huge hat with a big feather, dressed in a pirate*

*coat.)*

TIMMY: Look, you guys!

BART: A pirate!

KIDS: (reactions) Oo! Ah! Oh, my!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Ahoy there, mateys! Ye must be the landlubbers we were expecting today! Welcome to me Treasure Island, young lads and lassies. *(CAPTAIN FISHER takes off his hat and bows with a flourish.)*

**EXCERPT #2** (Hannah, Captain Fisher, Stella, Polly)

HANNAH: So you’re not a pirate?

CAPTAIN FISHER: No, no, no! I be not a pirate. Captain Fisher, at your service!

*(He takes his hat off in a grand sweep.)* As I was sayin’, many years ago I found me a far grander treasure than I could have imagined. So I gave up me pirate life and threw me anchor down here on Treasure Island. I be a “fisher of men” these days! *(He looks at his hat and then puts it back on his head).* And though I be not a pirate… I still do love me hat!

STELLA: It’s a lovely hat, by the way.

CAPTAIN FISHER: Thank ye, lassie!

*(Enter POLLY.)*

POLLY: Gangway! Gangway! Look out below! Hoist the sails and clear the deck!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Thar now, steady as she goes.

HANNAH: Oh, dear! Is she a pirate?

CAPTAIN FISHER: No, this be Polly. She’s my quarter master here on the island. Polly keeps

everything on course while we search fer Kingdom treasures. What be the matter, Polly? Do ye have some bad news?

POLLY: Bad news, bad news! The treasure maps are missing!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Missing?

POLLY: Missing!

CAPTAIN FISHER: All the maps?

POLLY: All the maps!

STELLA: (to Hannah) Is it just me or is she repeating everything he says?

POLLY: (turning the bottle upside down) Look! All the maps be gone!

**EXCERPT #3** (Hannah, Captain Fisher, Bart, Polly, Timmy, Becky)

HANNAH: Seeking God’s Kingdom means that God wants us to look to Him for everything.

CAPTAIN FISHER: Aye, ’tis true! Seeking His Kingdom on earth is part of how we store up

treasure in heaven. Unlike earthly treasure, that be treasure that will last forever.

BART: So what kind of treasure is the Lost Pirate seeking?

CAPTAIN FISHER: The earthly kind, I’m a-feared. Gold that is too easily lost.

POLLY: Lost! Tell ’em yer story, Captain! Tell ’em yer story!

KIDS: Yeah!

CAPTAIN FISHER: All right, a tale it is, then. Have a seat lads ’n lassies. *(They ALL sit down around CAPTAIN FISHER.)* Me whole life was about sailin’ the seven seas, searchin’ fer treasure. And then one day… I found it.

TIMMY: You found gold!

CAPTAIN FISHER: More gold than ye have ever seen. We loaded it on the ship and set sail fer home. But out o’ nowhere, thar came up a bad squall. We fought hard and long to

stay afloat, but the ship went belly up.

ALL KIDS: (gasp) Ah! No!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Me crew escaped, but I stayed behind on the boat. I just couldn’t

leave the treasure.

BECKY: Captain, what happened to you?

CAPTAIN FISHER: I went down with me ship, of course.

ALL: (gasp) Oh, no!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Lucky fer me, I found a piece of the rudder to hang on to. But there I was,

adrift on the open sea. Alone, many days and nights — lots of time to ponder me life.

HANNAH: You must have been scared!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Aye, scared I was.

**EXCERPT #4** (Becky, Captain Fisher, Hannah, Polly, Timmy, Lost Pirate, Bart)

BECKY: Captain, there’s one last clue. Should I read it?

CAPTAIN FISHER: Aye, read it!

BECKY: “Through your search we hope you’ve found the gift God gave so long ago, A promise given through His Son, the greatest treasure you’ll ever know.”

HANNAH: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 12:34”

CAPTAIN FISHER: The true treasure of what God has already done for us needs to be searched out with all yer heart.

POLLY: Search with all yer heart! Search with all yer heart!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Alas! And ye’ve done that today, me hearties.

TIMMY: Captain, maybe the Lost Pirate should come live here on the island with you!

CAPTAIN FISHER: Great idea! *(to LOST PIRATE*). How about it, Lost Pirate? I could use a

good first mate.

LOST PIRATE: Arrgh! I guess the Lost Pirate has found me a new home!

TIMMY and BART: Arrr!

BECKY: Now, that you’re not lost, and you’re not a pirate anymore, I think you should have

a new name.

TIMMY: How about Long Jim Silver?

BART: Or Calico Jack?

LOST PIRATE: Well, I guess me real name just be… Pete.

CAPTAIN FISHER: And a grand name it is! But we will call you Peter! Like Peter In the Bible. Peter was a fisher of men who helped lead others to heavenly treasure.